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1. WE WERE ABLE TO REACH DEAN WILSON AND DISCUSS REF A WITH HIM ONLY AFTER REF B TELCON. WILSON WAS DISTURBED THAT HIS MESSAGE (REF C) HAD NOT BEEN PASSED TO HEDIN AS REQUESTED. WILSON IS CONFIDENT THAT HEDIN WILL PLACE QUESTION OF TIMING OF HIS OFFER TO STAY ON ONE SEMESTER AS LAST RESORT AND WILSON'S REACTION IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. WILSON URGENTLY REQUESTED THAT CONTENTS OF REF C BE CONVEYED TO HEDIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2. RE PARA 3 REF A, DEAN WILSON SAID PROFESSOR HEDIN'S DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR GROS LOUIS, HAS APPROVED HEDIN ABSENCE FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY FOR ONE ADDITIONAL SEMESTER. COST OF RETURNING HEDIN'S FAMILY TO U.S. THIS SUMMER WILL BE BORNE BY UNIVERSITY, AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED.
3. ALTHOUGH WILSON UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO REPLACE PROFESSOR HEDIN WITH ANOTHER LECTURER IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, HE BELIEVES WARSAW UNIVERSITY WILL WELCOME FIRST CLASS LECTURER AND SCHOLAR IN POETRY. HE IS CERTAIN THAT HEDIN WILL CONFIRM HIS ENTHUSIASTIC OPINION OF MARY ELLEN SOLT'S ABILITIES AND PERSONAL QUALITIES. WILSON ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PROFESSOR HEDIN COULD PROVIDE

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INFORMATION ABOUT CONCRETE POETRY. ?

4. W ILE BOTH WILSON AND WE AGREE THAT LONGER STAY FOR MRS. SOLT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, WILSON SAID IT IS UNLIKELY HE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND ANY QUALIFIED LECTURER AT THIS TIME WHO WILL BE WILLING TO REMAIN AWAY FROM HIS/HER OWN CAMPUS FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR OR MORE. EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS ON U.S. CAMPUSES ARE MORE COMPETITIVE THAN EVER AND VERY FEW SCHOLARS IN SUBJECTS PRIMARILY RELATED TO THE UNITED STATES (COMPARED, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THOSE WHO TEACH EE-RELATED OR USSR-RELATED SUBJECTS) BELIEVE THAT A STAY IN EASTERN EUROPE IMPROVES THEIR PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS. FURTHERMORE, IN RECRUITING, WILSON POINTS OUT THAT INDIANA, AS THE INSTITUTION WE HAVE CONTRACTED WITH TO ADMINISTER THE ASC, MUST COMPLETELY EXHAUST ALL REASONABLE POSSIBILITIES ON ITS OWN CAMPUSES FOR ONE OF THE TWO ASC POSITIONS BEFORE LOOKING TO OTHER UNIVERSITIES. IF MUCIA BECOMES THE PARTNER OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY, AS WILSON STRONGLY HOPES, THE RECRUITING POSSIBILITIES FOR AMERICAN LECTURERS WILL NATURALLY EXPAND AND INDIANA, SHOULD IT BE THE UNIVERSITY SELECTED TO ADMINISTER THE AGREEMENT, CAN GO FAR AFIELD TO FIND SUITABLE CANDIDATES.?

5. RE REF D, DEAN WILSON CONSIDERS PROFESSOR FARNHAM'S SUGGESTION THAT HE RETURN TO FOSTER SUPPORT FOR THE ASC AMONG MUCIA UNIVERSITIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN A GOOD ONE IN PRINCIPLE. HE BELIEVES THIS EFFORT SHOULD TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER, ONLY WHEN TWO CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET, VIZ. AFTER MUCIA HAS FULLY APPROVED DETAILS OF RECIPROCAL OPERATION PROPOSED IN WILSON'S LETTER OF JANUARY 20, 1976 TO MUCIA'S THEN-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (EMB HAS COPY), AND SUITABLE LECTURER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. WILSON SEES MOST USEFUL ROLE FOR FARNHAM IN ELICITING LONG TERM SUPPORT FROM MUCIA FACULTIES TO SUPPORT ASC. ?

6. COMMENT. IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT DEAN WILSON APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S AND PROFESSOR FARNHAM'S IDEAS AND EFFORTS TO GET THE ASC/PSC OFF TO A GOOD START AND TO ASSURE CONTINUITY AND QUALITY IN THE AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASC. HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, AS WE DO, THAT THE KEY TO THIS IS SECURING MUCIA PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT AND THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE MEANTIME TO FILL HEDIN'S POSITION LATER THAN ANTICIPATED, FOR A SHORTER

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PERIOD THAN ANTICIPATED, BUT WITH AN EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED PERSON WHOSE FIELD MAY NOT PRECISELY MATCH WARSAW UNIVERSITY'S OR EMBASSY'S PREFERENCES ROBINSON

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